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Medford Rate Law to Be Enjoined in Federal Courts if Railroads Can Do It.

Portland, Dec. 16.—Charging that the so-called "Medford rate bill," enacted into law by the voters of Oregon at the general election of November 5, is not only unconstitutional but discriminatory as well and a fraud upon its face and upon the people, railroad attorneys in the United States district court today argued strenuously in their efforts to show cause why the court should issue a temporary injunction against the enforcement of the law.

Attorney General Crawford held that the rates fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission are in nowise interfered with or altered, and further that interstate commerce is not affected by the bill.

That the petition which resulted in having the rate bill put on the ballot was circulated by jobbers of Baker and Medford to a selfish end, was charged by O. C. Spencer, attorney for the O-W, R. & N. Co.

W. M. Hart, representing the Hill railroad interests, attacked the new law merely on the point of its constitutionality. He said that rate men for the railroad companies have been trying to fix up schedules in keeping with the provisions of the new law but that they have had little success because of its ambiguity.

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Old papers for sale at the Tidings

The Difference Between Cheating in Public and Cheating in Private.

F. P. Dunne, writing the "Interpreter's House" in the December American Magazine, says in part:

"What we have to do is to make people feel that political dishonesty is as disgraceful as private dishonesty; to force upon men who regard themselves as leaders of human progress the conviction that they must play the game fairly, and that bribe-giving and bribe-taking are as shameful as forging notes, or cheating at cards, or pulling a horse in a race. Of course, there is no comparison between the crimes. A man who would slip an ace up his sleeve or bribe a jockey to put a horse in a pocket is a gentlemanly sportsman compared with the man who will sow corruption through the whole body of a community in order to gain an unfair advantage in the game of politics. Yet decent people who will shun a black-leg of the race course or the card table will not hesitate to take their dinner publicly in the company of a man who is avowedly corrupt in his relations with the government.

"A card sharp is kicked out of the game. One lapse condemns him forever. We have known of a brave and (we think) honest man who was pursued to his grave by the mere rumor that he cheated at cards. Yet a man may cheat at the far greater game of politics, he may sell his hand to an opponent, or throw away the stronger hand for a bribe, and be none the worse off in the opinion of the public. He can't live down a peek at his neighbor's hand, but he cannot only live down but he can thrive on bribing a judge."

Oregon Fruit Rate is Ordered Reduced.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Interstate Commerce Commission held unreasonable existing rates on fruits and vegetables from Louisiana and Texas points; on apples and other deciduous fruits from Oregon, Utah and Idaho, and on citrus and deciduous fruits, canned goods and vegetables from California points to Crawford, Neb., and other middle west destinations.

The commission ordered an average of approximately 20 per cent reduction in rates, the reduced rates to come in effect about two years from February 1 next.

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Bride Disappears on Honeymoon.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—With the ocean beach and the bay shore patrolled, the police launch nosing about the bay, and possess scouring the parks and outlying districts, the search for Mrs. Bessie L. Hunter, nee Cooper, the six-day bride of Joseph Hunter of Portland, who disappeared yesterday after sending a message hinting suicide, is still on here today, with but slight hope of finding the missing wife alive.

This is the note received by Hunter:

"Dear Joe: Oh, I don't know how to begin this terrible little letter. When you receive it, or before you can do anything, I probably will be dead. You will never know how miserable I am. I could never make you a happy wife because I cannot stand married life. God pity you if you love me very much! I do pity you, but it would be impossible for you to be more miserable or unhappy than I am. Am leaving you this way because I think it better. You will perhaps go to Salt Lake and our friends in Portland never need know this, as they would if I waited till we went back. It is all a terrible mistake, and it would be impossible to continue. Please forgive me and forget.—Your heartbroken Bessie.

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